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Application of: Palese and García-Sastre

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For: RECOMBINANT NEGATIVE
STRAND RNA VIRUS
EXPRESSION SYSTEMS AND
VACCINES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Practice please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 1.

Please add new Claims 36-45 as follows:

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--36 (new) A method for producing a chimeric negative strand RNA virus,
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comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid cDNAs containing a heterologous nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand virus, wherein the host cell expresses the polymerase proteins, and recovering the chimeric virus from culture.